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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby submits the attached information for consideration by the Office under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, and for printing on the face of any patent issuing hereon, as listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

This case is a continuation of Application No. 09/366,642 filed 4 August 1999, allowed. The information listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 was previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the prior application. Therefore, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d), no copies of the listed references are required. Further, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(3)(i), a concise explanation of relevance or translation was submitted in the prior application for each item of information not in the English language, and as indicated in MPEP §609A(3), no separate concise

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explanation of relevance is required because the relevance of the information does not differ from its relevance as explained in the prior application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-identified application or within three (3) months of the filing date, and is therefore timely. No Petition is possible, and no additional fee is required for entry and consideration of this submission.

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